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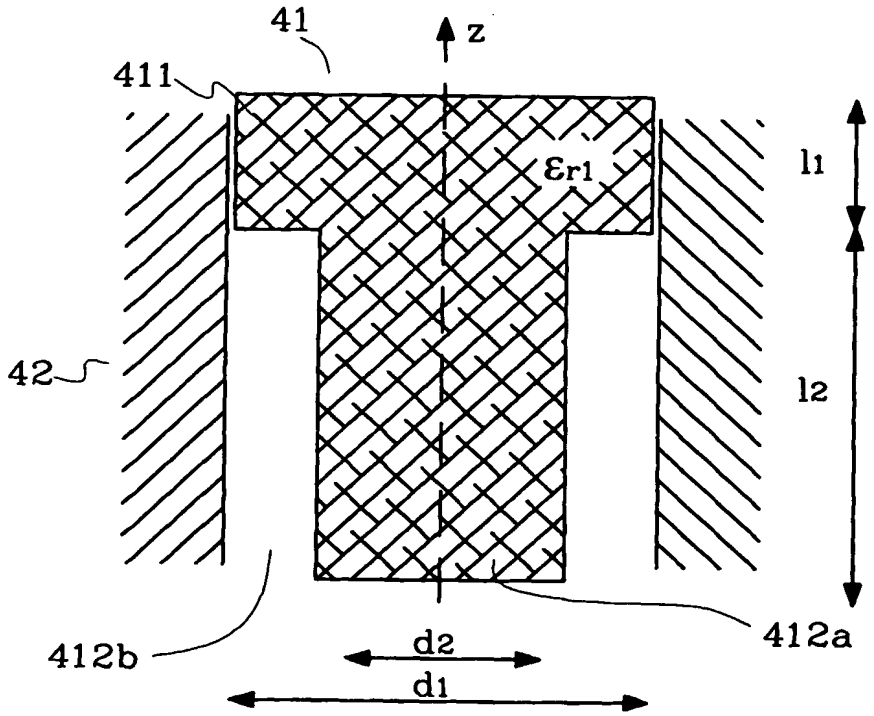

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an improved tuning arrangement to linearise the sensitivity to frequency changes within a certain frequency range in response to tuner displacements relative to a resonator body. The tuning arrangement comprises a tuner and/or resonator having a non-uniform distribution of the effective dielectric permittivity along the axis of tuner displacement. The non-uniform distribution of the effective dielectric permittivity is realised by subdividing the tuner into an arbitrary number of sections, each of which distinguishable at least by their geometrical shape and the value and distribution of the dielectric coefficient ε_r.

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